

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Before Commissioners:

Ruth Y. Goldway, Chairman;  
Mark Acton, Vice Chairman;  
Tony L. Hammond; and  
Nanci E. Langley

Mail Classification Schedule Change  
(Commercial First-Class Package Service)

Docket No. MC2011-29

NOTICE AND ORDER CONCERNING CLASSIFICATION CHANGE

(Issued September 27, 2011)

On September 26, 2011, the Postal Service filed a notice with the Commission under 39 CFR 3020.90 and 3020.91 concerning a classification change related to Commercial First-Class Package Service.<sup>1</sup> Specifically, it proposes to change the name of the competitive product in the Mail Classification Schedule (MCS) from “Commercial First-Class Package Service” to “First-Class Package Service.” *Id.* at 1. The Notice includes proposed revisions to the MCS language. *Id.* at 3. This classification change would become effective on October 11, 2011. *Id.* at 1.

The Postal Service asserts that it seeks this classification change to make the MCS consistent with the Domestic Mail Manual (DMM). *Id.* at 3. On April 6, 2011, the Commission approved the Postal Service’s request to add “Lightweight Commercial

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<sup>1</sup> Notice of Minor Classification Change, September 26, 2011 (Notice).

Parcels” as a new product to the competitive product list.<sup>2</sup> On August 12, 2011, the Postal Service requested that the Commission change all references to “Lightweight Commercial Parcels” in the MCS to “Commercial First-Class Package Service.”<sup>3</sup> A few days later, the Postal Service published a final rule in the *Federal Register* amending the DMM to reflect the addition of Lightweight Commercial Parcels to the competitive product list.<sup>4</sup> For purposes of the DMM, the Postal Service renamed the product “First-Class Package Service.” *Id.* at 51,258.

On August 31, 2011, the Commission approved the Postal Service’s request to rename “Lightweight Commercial Parcels” to “Commercial First-Class Package Service” in the MCS.<sup>5</sup> To ensure consistency between the MCS and DMM, the Commission directed the Postal Service to make conforming changes to the DMM to reflect the Commission’s approval of the new product name. *Id.* at 7-8.

In response, the Postal Service filed the proposed classification change to ensure that the MCS is consistent with the DMM. Notice at 3. It explains that it would prefer to use the name “First-Class Package Service” rather than “Commercial First-Class Package Service” in both the MCS and DMM to simplify references to the product. *Id.* at 2.

In accordance with 39 CFR 3020.92, the Commission establishes Docket No. MC2011-29 to consider the Postal Service’s proposal described in its Notice. Interested persons may submit comments on whether the proposed classification change is not inconsistent with 39 U.S.C. § 3642. Comments are due by October 4, 2011.

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<sup>2</sup> Docket No. MC2011-22, Order No. 710, Order Adding Lightweight Commercial Parcels to the Competitive Product List, April 6, 2011, at 1, 11.

<sup>3</sup> Docket No. MC2011-28, Notice of Minor Classification Change, August 12, 2011.

<sup>4</sup> First-Class Package Service, see 76 Fed. Reg. 51,257 (Aug. 18, 2011).

<sup>5</sup> Docket No. MC2011-28, Order Regarding Commercial First-Class Package Service, August 31, 2011 (Order No. 835).

The Notice and related filings are available on the Commission's website (<http://www.prc.gov>). The Commission encourages interested persons to review the Notice for further details.

The Commission appoints James Waclawski to serve as Public Representative in this proceeding.

*It is ordered:*

1. The Commission establishes Docket No. MC2011-29 to consider the matters raised by the Notice.
2. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. § 505, James Waclawski is appointed to serve as officer of the Commission (Public Representative) to represent the interests of the general public in this proceeding.
3. Comments by interested persons are due by October 4, 2011.

By the Commission.

Shoshana M. Grove  
Secretary